

Cultural Resource Re-evaluation Form

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1. Resource Number: 5JA783 2. Temp. Resource Number: _____

3. Attachments

(check as many as apply)

- ☒ Photographs
☐ Site sketch map
☒ U.S.G.S. map photocopy
☐ Other _____
☐ Other _____

4. Official Determination
(OAHP ONLY)

- ☐ Determined Eligible
☐ Determined Not Eligible
☐ Need Data
☐ Nominated
☐ Listed
☐ Contributing to N.R. District
☐ Not Contributing to N.R. Dist

5. Resource Name: Case Ranch

6. Purpose of this current site visit (check as many as apply)

- ☐ Site is within a current project area
☐ Resurvey
☒ Update of previous site form(s)
☐ Surface collection
☐ Testing to determine eligibility
☐ Excavation
☐ Other _____

Describe Early 20th century ranch complex located in North Park

7. Previous Recordings: The Case Ranch was recorded in 1991 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At that time the Colorado SHPO determined that the complex was not eligible, but that the barn was potentially eligible. During subsequent consultation in December 2002, your office requested a re-evaluation of the structure.

8. Changes or Additions to Previous Descriptions: Esther M. Case patented a total of 320 acres in T8N, R80W, sections 13 and 24 on November 28, 1930 under the Desert Land Act. Carlos C. Case patented an additional 160 acres of land in sections 13 and 24 on March 2, 1918 under the Homestead Entry Act. The ranch headquarters is on lands patented by Esther Case. The barn was built in 1935 and according to a recent visitor to the Refuge, it was built in the style of a New Zealand sheep barn. The visitor identified working louvers in the copula to provide air circulation.. According to a local informant, the barn was used for lambing and shearing.

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9. Changes in Condition: When the structure was recorded in 1991, it was used by the Refuge for storage. The barn is no longer being used, but in the Draft Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Assessment, the Refuge proposes a strategy to extend the tour route to the barn, interpret the barn, and apply for funds to restore and preserve the structure. Under the preferred alternative, this would be accomplished by 2007. The barn has deteriorated over the past 12 years, most notably on the south and east walls. The roof on the east end of the south wall is sagging and the door no longer fits properly. The boards are rotted in the middle of the east wall; most of the damage is south of the door. The wall has been braced up with a stack of bricks. The roof is sagging in two areas. The roofing material on north end of the west wall roof is in poor shape and the slats in the cupola are broken. The north wall is in good shape although there is a slight sag in the roof above the door. Most of the windows in the structure are still intact.
10. Changes to Location or Size Information: None
11. Changes in Ownership: None
12. Other Changes, Additions, or Observations _____
13. National Register Eligibility Assessment:
Eligible X Not eligible _____ Need data _____
Explain: The barn architecture is unique for the area. In our opinion, it is eligible under criterion C for its distinctive characteristics.
14. Management Recommendations: An architectural assessment of the barn needs to be completed. The deteriorating parts of the barn should be rehabilitated and the structure should be interpreted.
15. Photograph Types and Numbers: Black-and-white photographs were taken on July 10, 1991 and color photographs on June 4, 2003. The photographs and negatives are on file in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office.
16. Artifact and Field Documentation Storage Location: _____
17. Report Title: _____
18. Recorder(s): Rhoda O. Lewis 19. Date(s): 06/04/03 07/10/91
20. Recorder Affiliation: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

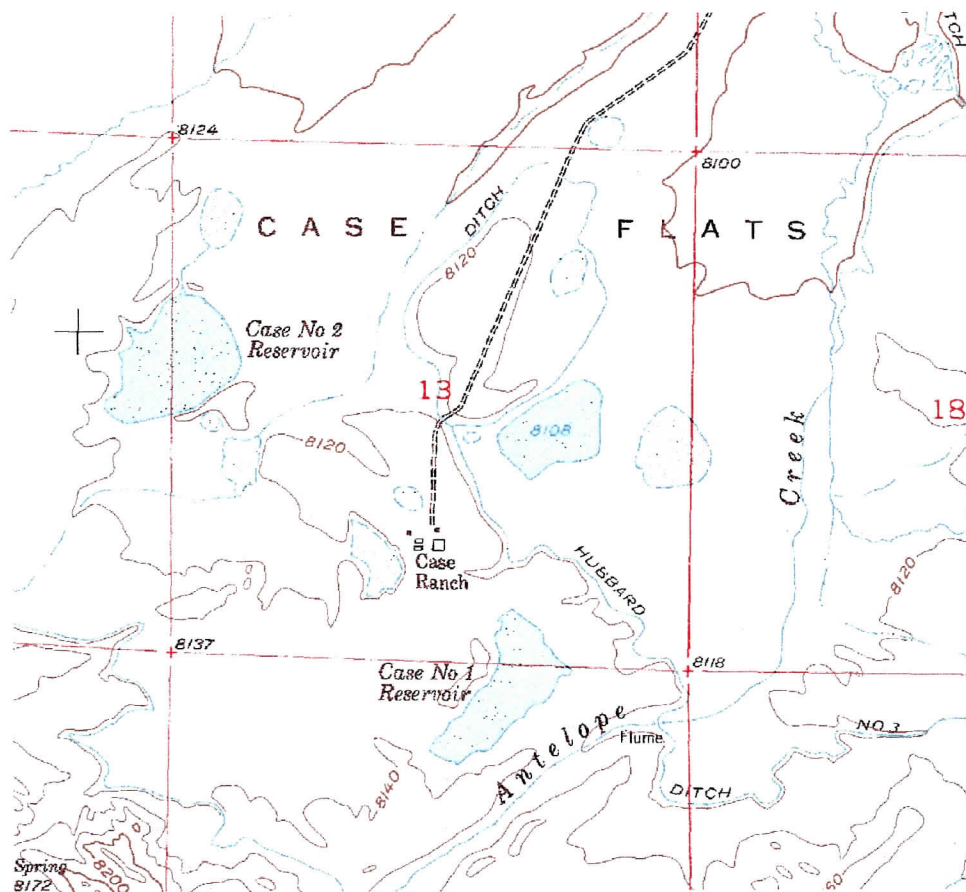


Figure 1: Topographic map showing the location of the Case Ranch, T8N, R80W, Section 13



Figure 2: South and east walls of the case barn. Note the sagging roof sections.



Figure 3: 1991 and 2003 photos of the north and west walls of the Case barn. Note the deterioration of the roofing material near the northwest corner.